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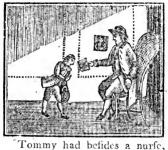
HE hero of our history was a little boy, who having lost his father and mother, was left under the care of Mr. Worthy, his uncle, that loved him as if he had been his own child, and Tommy was taught to obey him as if he had been his father.

And indeed, Tommy gave car-

ly tokens that he was likely to be A 4 a good 8

a good child, which made his uncle encourage him, who used often to tell him, if he would -read his book and be careful, he would become a great man. Now, as he was a little boy, you know that must be very desirable; and, in order to help him, his good kinfman always rewarded him when he behaved well, and used to give him fruit, sugarplumbs, and cakes. He also gave him feveral little books that are made on purpose for young folks, a variety of which may be had at your old friend, WM. JONES'S, Thomas-street.

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who had lived a long while in the family, and was very fond of him, whose name was Trueby, and she used to take care of him in his uncle's absence, and was always telling him what was for his good. So he informed her what a prosent of books he had got. Aye! (fays she,) come let me hear if you

can read in any of them," which he did immediately, and this fo pleased her that she gave him a fine fiddle that she had bought at the fair, and promifed him other pretty things to encourage him in his learning, among which the faid he should have a gilt Primer and Pfalter, if he took care not to be naughty, and would always fay his prayers night and morning. This he promifed, and as he always kept his word, we find that he did not forget to do fo.

Above all things the taught him never to tell lies nor tales, which, as fhe juftly faid, was the way for God and all peopletolove him. "If you tell tales, (faysfle,) nobody will like you to be in company, and fo you will lofe many a good thing; and if you

give yourself to lying, you will commit a great sin, besides that in that case nobody will believe you even when you tell the truth."

"Very well, nurse, (answered Tommy.) I believe what you fay, and I am sure I shall behave

as you tell me.

I have told you that my hero was but a little boy, and I don't

fay he was quite without his faults. Now it happened one day that observing animage on the mantlepiece that he could not reach, he climbed to get at it, and, in so

doing, threw down fome fine chină cups and faucers, which were broken in pieces. This put poor Tommy into a fad taking: he knew his uncle valued the china.

Tommy into a fad taking: he knew his uncle valued the china, and feared he should be corrected for what he had done; but, on

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the other hand, he remembered what nurse Trueby had said, and seared more to tell a lie. So, considering all things, he resolved not to add one fault to another; but as soon as it was asked who has done the mischief, to acknowledge it at once. It happened that the maid was suspected, and though the truly said the had not done any such

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fuch thing; yet the housekeeper not believing her, words arose and she was likely to lose her place upon the occasion; when Tommy came in, and, in the prefence of his uncle, owned the whole truth. The old gentleman then faid, " Tommy, you were very wrong in climbing to reach what you had no business to touch, by which means the accident happened; but you would have done worfe if you had tried to hide the fault you committed, by telling a lie about it; besides, you see the harm it might have occasioned, but as it is, all shall be forgiven and forgotten."

This behaviour of Tommy Titmouse made Sally his friend, who besides being herself a good girl, was not afraid of what she did 14 . The History of

did or faid before him, as he obferved the rule never to bear tales, as fome children are too apt to do, which only ferves to make mischief, and is sure to get them

hated whereever they go.

Another time, Tommy coming fuddenly into the kitchen, Sally, not feeing him, flut the cloor fo violently upon him, that he fell down and hurt himself; but, inflead of going to complain as fome would have done, the faid nothing about the matter to any body but Sally herfelf, who took care to put proper things to his bruites, kiffed him, and gave him fome fugar cakes, though fhe atterwards told his uncle what had happened, who had the better opinion of his nephew for his behaviour.

Tommy Titmoufe.



At a proper time our hero was fent to school, where, as he had a good memory and minded his book, he was a favourite with his mafter, but the boys often used to joke him, because he was so very little; however, that never fretted him, for he generally answered, " as little as I am, I need not care, a little boy may make

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a great man a last; and I don't doubt but that will be my case at one time or another."

One day in their play some of his schoolfellows fastened him upon the back of a butcher's dog,



who left them all, and ran away with him at a grate rate, so as to frighten poor Tommy, and carried him quite out of town, when

Tommy Titmoufe. it was after school-hours in the

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evening.

At length, having difengagedhimself from Tray, who made the best of his way home again, Tommy endeavoured to do the fame, but, misling his road, came to the borders of a wood, and was going to turn back, when he faw an old man, with grev locks and a filver beard, but a very pleafing countenance, who stopped him, and asked him his name, and the reason of his coming that.

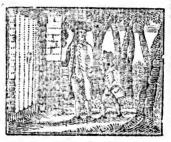
Tommy told him the ftory, and how his schoolfellows joked him because he was so little; " but you know, Sir, fays he, that cannot be helped, as I did not make myself." "True, (replied the old Gentleman,) and if you will come

way in the evening.

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along with me, I will endeavour to help you to become great; at the same time I must tell you that the first step to be great, is to be good, and to mind your learning.



So they went together fome yards farther into the wood, where the stranger shewed him a little house that he had, and very kindly Kindly invited him to come in, affuring him that he would afterwards put him in his right way, observing, that when his uncle heard how he had passed the time, he was sure he would not be angry with him for staying, especially as it was an accident that

had brought him thither. Tommy accordingly walked in with him, and found fome very neat appartments, which the old manshewedhim with great chearfulneis, and amongst them were many pretty trinkets, which he faid he kept for fuch good boys as, came in his way, or as he happened to meet with, and fome of them he gave to our hero, as an encouragement. After which he spoke to him as follows:

"You may, perhaps, wonder
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little gentleman, to fee me live in this manner. I was once an inhabitant of a neighbouring town, and had a young wife, who brought me feveral children; but fne died, and all my little ones, except a boy whom I loft unaccountably as he was standing at the door one fummer evening. I was fo much shocked by the accident that I left all company, and came to this place, where I live by my felf, but itill defire as much as is in my power to do good to other people, and fometimes I compose books for fuch little gentlemen as you, and I hope they have a good effect on those whom they are intended to ferve. by making them obedient to their parents and friends, and attentive to their books and good counfel."

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He then gave Tommy some proper advice, and finding him quite tractable, foretold that he would certainly come to be a great man; a prophecy which afterwards came to pass.

Before they parted, he took Tommy into a piece of ground before the house, where there was a young woman milking a cow. "Do you fee that cow, (fays he) little gentleman? I keep her because the is useful and goodnatured; but if she was mischievous, or threw down the milk she gave, I should keep her no longer, because then she would be like worthlefs people. But as it is you fee she does us service, and as a proof of it you shall have fomething that she produces.

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And so faying he ordered a syllabub to be made for Tommy, of whom he then took leave, and shewed him his way, repeating that he would be a great man, and defiring when he was, that he would not forget the prophecy of the Man of the Woods.

It was late when Tommy came home, and his uncle had begun to chide him, when he told him what an adventure he had met with; and he was believed because he always told the truth, which is an excellent quality.

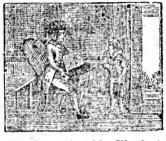
What the old gentleman had told Tommy ran fo much in his headthat he could not help thinking of it night and day; and once in particular he dreamed that he was amidst an affembly of good children, where all of them were trying who was the best boy, and that he gained the prize, being a fine hat and feather, and a purfe full of pocket-pieces, which he thought the Old Man of the Woods prefented to him.

Some time after this, having got leave of his uncle, he went to a fair with nurse Trueby, (as he 24

was still a little boy), where he was entertained with -fhews and many pretty things, fuch as good boys deferve, and among the rest was particularly delighted with the show of Whittington and his-Cat. " For if fo poor a boy as he came to be Lord Mayor, and ride in the gilt coach, by his induftry, (fays he,) who knows what goodluck Tommy Titmouse may have." "I hope you will have good fortune, Tommy, faid the nurse, and I hope you will take care to deferve it.

They were but just returned from the fair, when Mr. Worthy told Tommy that he had a prefent for him. It was a small box which contained tops and balls, with other agreeable toys, to be given to the best child in the pa-

Tommy Titmouse. 25 rish, together with the History of little King Pippin.



"Now, (fays Mr. Worthy,) though the box is directed for you, yet as these things are to be given to the best child in the parish, how shall I fairly determine that they belong to you?—Are you the best boy?"—"I can't tell that Sir.

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Sir, (faid Tommy,) but I can fay that I will endeavour to be so."— "Then we'll lock up the box for the present," says his uncle, and

it was done accordingly.

In the mean time he improved greatly in his learning; and belides was more remarkable than any of the neighbouring children for his good-nature and obedience

to his uncle, and was so obliging that every body loved him.

The Clergyman having appointed his usual time to hear the children say their catechism, and to ask them questions, Tommy Titmouse behaved so well on that occasion, that he made no scruple to declare him to be the "best boy in the parish." Tommy did not forget those words that were

repeated in his uncle's prefence,



but when he went home laid claim to the contents of the box, which he faid now, beyond dispute, belonged to him.

Our little hero was, however, admonished to remember that all these praises and presents could be no otherwise got than by behaving as he ought to do, and consequently that he would not be the consequently that he would no

longer expect to have them, than while he was good, of which he

was eafily made fenfible.

Tommy made himself so agreeable to the good Clergyman, that he got many presents from him of playthings, and at last he gave him a little ambling horse, on which Tommy, when he got leave from his uncle, and had a holiday, used to ride about the country.

And besides all this, his uncle at Easter gave him a fine suit of green clothes; so that many of the children, who were not so good as himself, envied him; but he had been taught never to be proud nor despise any body.

It happened by fome means or other, that the little horse I was telling you of, ran something into one of his seet, and was lame for a few

a few days, which gave Tommy great concern, not only because he could not ride him, but because he was sorry for the poor thing; but he was comforted when his uncle fent for a farrier, who told him the beaft would soon be well again.

In the mean time the little gentleman being ufed to go about the country on horfeback, inflead of that now took fome long walks, it being holiday time, and fine weather.

As he was returning from one of these walks, being much tired, a gentleman who was riding slowly along in his chaise, perceived it, and calling to him, asked himwhether he would vide a little way? Tommy accepted the offer with thanks, as the gentleman was going the same road;

35 The History of and so away they rode together.



While they were on their way, he aiked our hero his name, and where he lived. When he faid his name was Tommy Titmoufe, "Oh (fays the gentleman,) I bedieve I have heard of you, and that you are the best boy in the parish. Is it so?"—"I must not say of myself, Sir, (replied Tommy,) that

that I am the best boy; but I am shire, if obeying my elders, and minding my book, and being goodnatured, will do, I will endeayour by God's help to do so."

The gentleman, finding his little companion to fentible, afked who had been his infructors? "My uncle Worthy, my number Trueby, the good Clergyman, and the Old man of the Woods," answered he. On which the other enquired, who the Old man of the Woods was, with many other questions; in all which Tommy gave him fatisfaction.

cle's door, as he promised, he recle's door, as he promised, he requested Mr. Worthy would let his nephew come the next day to spend a little time with him at his country house, about three miles

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diffant, and he would fend his chaife to fetch him; which was agreed to, and the next morning Tommy was fent for accordingly, and introduced by his new friend, whose name is Lovell, to his wife, his fon and daughter, who made up a very agreeable family.



This is mafter Tommy Titmouse, my dear, (fays he to his lady,)

Tommy Titmouse.

fady,) and Billy and Charlotte, (to the children,) I have brought you a playmate, a good and fensible boy, whom his neighboars in the next town look upon to be the

best boy in the parish."

This praife was very pleafing to our hero, who used his best manners in return for it; though he did not feem to be vain, as, according to what nurse Trueby hadtoldhim, it became him to do: he remembered that he was but a little boy, though he had hopes of becoming a great man in the end.

While he remained here, Mrs. Lovewell in particular took great notice of him, and though the children did not at first feem to have any high opinion of their new guest, yet by degrees he made himfelf so agreeable, that Charlotte used

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used to call him her little sweetheart, and both she and her brother said they should not know

how to part with him.

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Now this was the more extraordinary, as their father was accustomed to fet him as a pattern for Billy, and fometimes to chide him, who was a boy of twelve years old, and tall of his age, for not minding his learning fo well as Tommy Titmouse, who was much less, and three years younger thanhimfelf. But Tommy faid to many good natured things in their favour, that they could not but love him the better for it.

One time in particular, when they were all reading together, and the best scholar was to have a fine plumb cake of Mrs. Lovewell's own making, Tominy won Tommy Titmouse,

it; but no fooner all was over,

and they were alone together, than-he infifted upon giving Billy and Charlotte each two thirds of

it, thus keeping only a third part to himfelf, and was about to cry because he could hardly prevail on them to accept fo much of it at his hands.

It was with pleasure that Mr. Lovewell observed frequent marks of fuch a kind disposition

in his guest, to whom he resolved to be as kind in his turn. It is a fine thing to be of a good understanding and memory, and to mind your Book, but all these good qua-

lities will be overthrown and will do but little fervice, if you are proud, obstinate, or ill-natured.

When Tommy had been flying his kite one day, in company with The History of

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master Lovewell and others, as he was returning, fome of the neighbours children atked him to lend it them, which he readily did : and they tried to fly it, but were fo aukward in attempting to raise it, that they ftruck it upon some railing, in which there were many nails, and tore it almost to pieces before they could difengage it. Now some children would have cried and raved and perhaps would even have gone to fighting upon the occasion; and, indeed, mafter Lovewell was very angry, because the missortune happened in his company, and he was acquainted with the boys that had been accessary to it : but Tommy though he was forry his kite fhould be torn, made no words about the matter, but only faid,

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"It was an accident, and could not be helped," and patiently took the remains of it home, in order to mend it again as well as he could.

This behavior so pleased the person who had the chief hand in doing this accidental mischief, that the next day he made a present of a fine humming top to



38 The History of him to see him at his Father's house, by which means our hero

house, by which means our hero gained a new acquaintance.

And this acquaintance was of some consequence; for the gentle-

man, who had no children, no fooner faw Tommy, and found what a well-behaved boy he was, than he also took a liking to him; fo that, between him and Mr. Lovewell, Tommy was feldom a day at home in holiday time, they were fo preffing with Mr. Worthy to let them have his company; and as he faw it was agreeable, he was too good and kind to deny what he thought might turn out to his nephew's advantage.

out to his nephew's advantage.
Soon after, it happened one
Christmas that the squire, who
had been some time absent in
London, returning to his seat in

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bours, feafting and keeping open house in the old English manuer; and one particular day he set apart for inviting the children, each of whom was to be introduced by some friend, and Mr. Lovewell (his own children being on a visit) undertook to introduce Tommy Titmouse to the Assembly.

After feafling them on roaft beef, plumb pudding and minced pies, the elder children, among whom were fome pretty boys, were called into a room, where a great cake was fet, which was to be the prize of him that could give the best answers to questions that were to be proposed to them by Mr. Trusty, the 'squire's steward,

and each was to give his answer

apart,

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apart, fo as not to be heard by any body but Mr. Trufty himfelf. They all put in their names, and when Mr. Lovewell prefented Tommy Titmoufe, there were fome of them that pretended to jeer, faying, "To be fure very fine answers must be expected from such a little boy as he was." "Why indeed, faid Tommy, you all appear to be bigger, and I believe most of you are older, than I am, but I shall be so bold as to take my chance among you, as the'fquire is kindenough to allow me to do fo."-And Mr Lovewell faid, He believed his little boy would have as good a chance

as the biggest among them.

The company being seated round the table on which the cake was set, the questions were propo-

fed,

Tommy Titmoufe.



fed, to which various answers were given, but not one of them proper, though some seemed to be a little nearer the mark than others, till Tommy, whose lot it was to speak last, gave in his answer to the steward.

The questions were these:

r. Amongit all the faults which children may fall into, which is

The History of the least to be excused?

Answer.—That of telling a lie to conceal any of them.

2. What is the worst thing that can happen to a child?

Answer.—That good people should have reason to dislike him.

3. What is the wifest thing that a little boy can do when in the company of his elders?

Answer.—Not to speak but when he is spoken to, and to be still, in order to receive instruction.

These answers were approved by Mr. Trusty, and all present could not but say they were good ones; but how were they surprized on being informed that

they were delivered by Tommy
Titmoufe, the little boy whom
at first they had pretended to defpife!

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pife! However, his they were, and the cake, being prefented to him, was carried in a fort of triumph before him to Mr. Lovewell's, who was not a little
proud of the fuccess of his little
boy, as he always called him.

The 'squire made many enquiries after the little boy who had won the prize, and would never be easy till he saw Tommy, who was accordingly fent to wait on him, when he was much furprized to find the progress he had made in his learning, and often proposed him as a pattern to his own fon, then about thirteen years of age, who, indeed was not much better than a booby. But Tommy, while he was carefled by his father, took care not to offend the young gentleman.

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When he returned from his different visits he was received by his uncle with great pleafure, as well as by good nurse Trueby, who hugged him close in her arms, and declared he looked better and prettier than ever. Pretty are they that pretty do. And that was indeed the case with Tommy Titmouse, on whose



account-

Tommy Titmouse. 45 account Mr. Worthy gave a dinner, and invited a great many of the neighbouring well-behaved children to partake of the

good cheer, and make their little hearts merry, and Tommy was particularly diffinguished upon the occasion. In process of time, as little

Tommy grew older, his friends began to think of putting him in some way that might be serviceable to him, when he should

viceable to him, when he should become a man. Some adviced one thing and some recommended another; but Tommy himself, being allowed to speak, declared

in favour of trade, which he had always admired. "For trade, (faid he) as Mr. Lovewell, though himself a gen-

Lovewell, though himfelf a gentleman, used to tell me, is the support fupport of us all. We could not do if we had not trade, we could not live one amongst another. My uncle nor I could not

even have what we wear; no, nor could nurse Trueby or the housekeeper make a plumb pudding without it. Learning is very proper, and all good boys should be thankful for it. But if my uncle chuses to let me have a trade of any fort, I can use that learning in it, and if the worst happens to my friends, Tommy will be in some way provided for." Mr. Worthy listened to his nephew, and he knew that he had learned accounts, as all good boys, after they can read, should mindtheir writing and cyphering;

therefore he thought there was

Tommy Titmouse. 47 reason in what he had said, and resolved to get him a trade as soon as he was old enough, with

foon as he was old enough, with the first opportunity. In the mean time a strange visitor made his appearance at Mr. Worthy's, who said the principal reason of his coming thither

Worthy's, who taid the principal reason of his coming thither was to see Tommy, who was accordingly called, and was somewhat surprized to find the stranger was that very person whom we have mentioned, and with whom he was so well acquainted by the name of the Old Man of the Woods.

You have been told already

You have been told already that this old gentleman loft one of his children in an unaccountable manner. But he had now heard of him again. It appeared that the boy was stolen by some gypsies,

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gypties, with whom he was long forced to live, (being but a little child,) Arolling with them about the country. At last escaping from their company when they were near London, he wandered till by chance he got to that fine city, where it happened that a gentleman finding him helpless in the streets, took him up, and, put him to school; and, finding him a good and tractable boy, . got him apprenticed to a tradefman in the city, where he behaved fo well, that he married his master's daughter when he was out of his time, and became partner with him in a very profitable bufinefs. As he then kept a country house near Blackheath, which you know is not far from Greenwich, it happened

Tommy Titmouse.



Just as he was standing at the door, and pretended to tell his fortune, but on his talking with her out of curiofity, he discovered so much that she knew he was the person whom she had wickedly stolen zway when he was an infant. But seeing things had

man came to his house there,

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forgiveness, and giving him an account where his father lived, as fhe supposed. The young gentleman accordingly went in fearch of him; but hearing that he had retired to a folitude, followed

him to the woods where he lived. and convincing him by a mark on his breast that he was his child, he prevailed on his father to return to the world again.

The old man was now going to London, whither his fon was gone before him, but had called on Tommy in his way, in order to give him his last instructions.

He was highly pleased with our hero's choice of trade, and advised him how he should pro-

ceed as foon as his friends could

Tommy Titmoufe. ζ I get him a master in any respecta-

ble bufinefs. - At this time, nurse Trueby fell fick, and it was wonderful and pretty to observe with what care Tommy enquired after her

every day, and, whenever he

was allowed to do it, how he at-

tended her-"She has often taken care of me, (fays Tommy,) and to be fure now is my time to return it," Certainly he proved himself a good boy, by reasoning and behaving in fuch a man-

found, as you will hear in the fequel.

ner. It is a fine thing to be a scholar, but it is better still to be good; and fo Tommy Titmoufe

When he was about fourteen years of age, Mr. Lovewell having to go to London, proposed

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him, and undertook to look out for a master for him. It was a new thing for him to go fo far off from his uncle, but

he knew it must be done, so he took an affectionate leave of him and of nurse Trueby, and then fet off in the coach for this fine city, where they arrived in due

time, without meeting with any accident or interruption. It was not long before Mr.

Lovewell found means to keep his promise to Mr. Worthy, by getting his nephew a proper maf-

ter in a very good and thriving business, who was so intirely satisfied with Tommy's behaviour, that, as he grew up, he left the chief care of the trade to him, as

he was obliging to the customers,

careful

Tommy Titmouse. 53 careful and industrious, and took particular care to make himself fully acquainted with the business, by which he was to get his livelihood.

As the gentleman to whom he

had the good fortune to be bound, had a fon not fo old as Tommy, when he himself grew in years, he resolved to retire from trade, and leave it entirely to the young olks, which he did accordingly; and thus our hero, soon after he was out of his time became partier in a genteel business, the profits of which were continually increasing.

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In this trade he continued many ears, till the old gentleman, and is son both dying, Mr. Thomas itmouse, who was now grown fine man, and worth an imposse.

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mense deal of money, resolved to
pay a visit to his friends in the
country, all of whom were sur-

prized to see him, when he came in his own coach into the town where he had formerly lived.



The neighbourscried, "Is it possible!—Can this fine gentleman be the same person, that, when a boy, we used to call Little

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Tommy Titmouse? And the old

folks fhewed him to their children, crying, "Look there! and fee how learning and good behaviour can make a little boy a great man."—All which discourse

was very pleafing to our hero.

Having paid his obedience to his uncle, and his refpects and compliments to all his friends, he returned to London, taking the old nurfe with him, by her own defire, who spent the remainder of

her days with her dear Tommy, as fhe always fill called him; who has now got money enough to leave off bulinefs, and lives at a fine house at the other end of the town, where he often invites good children to come to his ta-

ble, tells them how to become great men, if they will follow his 56 The History of, &c. advice, and has defired this book

well to follow his example.

advice, and has defired this book to be published for their amusement and instruction. If you wish to be as great a man as Tommy Titmouse, you will do

The Good Father; or, Punishment frequently necessary.

MR. Morton was the father of two boys: the eldeft, though not nine years of age, was very

obtinate and univerfally difliked: while on the contrary, his brother Charles was mild, goodtempered and a general favourite. Mr. Morton had taken every

lenient method to eradicate the faults of his fon Edwad, in vain; he now found with grief that he must

must use severity. Edward made a practice of continually taking the play-things from his brother, or any of the children who were kind enough to play with him;

and one day as he was amusing

himself in the garden with Charles, insisted on exchanging some toy with him, but he mildly expostulating, offered to lend it to him, saying, he did not wish to part with it; for which he received two or three smart blows. The appearance of Mr. Mor-

ton put an end to his violence, for he had heard the contest without their knowledge; he gave Charles leave to continue playing, and desired Edward to follow him into the house, where he thus addressed him.

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that I find the injustness and violence of your temper continue you may well appear hurt, but if you have the least feeling, it must be a fad reshection to think of your ingratitude in repaying the care of a kind father by such bad behaviour; and that is not all, for I shall not let you play any more to-day, and desire you will bring

all your playthings to me, which I shall keep, till you are more con-

tented with what is your own; and remember the next time I find the necessity of taking them under my care, I shall give them to some child who better deserves them."

Edward hung his head in sullen silence, and did not offer a reply. After dinner he was yet more mortified to see his father and brother go out without him. When

Mr. Morton returned, he made every fair promise of amendment, though I am forry to observe, he did not keep them. Mr. Morton gave Charles leave to invite fome of his little companions on the following day, and permitted Edward to join them, when he again behaved fo rudely, as to be confined for the whole of the next day. Mr. Morton now determined to punish him yet more severely; he gave him lessons for a fortnight, only allowing him a portion of time each day to walk on account of his health. Towards the expiration of the time, he was remarkably affiduous, and learnt more than he had usually done in three months. His father on the term of punishment being ended, advised him to be

more mindful in future; affuring him that his punishment should be longer and more severe the next fault. But he had the happiness to find him quite an altered boy. So that you find severity in his case, shewed his father more his friend, than any indulgence could have done; for it is now two years since his former faulty behavior and he has been

uniformly good, a pleasure to

himself and friends.

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